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*The Madras Law College.*

349 Q.—MR. YAHYA ALI SAHIB: Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state whether it is a fact—

(a) that the Madras Law College has been yielding a steady and large surplus every year since 1912;

(b) that the said College has yielded since its institution up to date a net surplus in the aggregate approximately of 8 lakhs of rupees;

(c) that need is felt in the said College—

(1) for providing new additional rooms for classes and for the assistant professors,

(2) for providing an additional staff of professors or assistant professors, and

(3) for increasing the menial establishment both in the library and in the office and in the private rooms of the assistant professors; and

(d) that the latest increase in the staff was in 1916 since which year the strength of the students has nearly doubled?

A.—(a) The annual nominal surplus varies from Rs. 31,000 to Rs. 45,000, but this has to be reduced by the cost of overhead charges and maintenance of buildings. The net surplus, if any, will be trifling.

(b) No.

(c) The Government have no information.

(d) The last increase to the permanent staff of the College was in 1916. The staff has been temporarily strengthened in the current year by the appointment of two additional assistant professors.

MR. YAHYA ALI SAHIB:—“Is it a fact that the temporary staff would not be required from the 31st of March this year? I am asking with reference to clause (d) of the answer, Sir, in which it is stated that the staff has been temporarily strengthened this year by the addition of two additional assistant professors. I want to know if these temporary posts would not expire by the 31st of March or whether they would be continued after July also?”

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO:—“I want notice of this question. Sir.”

*Electric installation for the Umda Bagh Hostel.*

350 Q.—MR. YAHYA ALI SAHIB: Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state whether there is a proposal to institute an electric installation for the Umda Bagh Hostel attached to the Government Madrasa-i-azam?

A.—Yes.

*The Madras Telugu Pandits' Conference.*

351 Q.—MR. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether he has received the Proceedings of the Madras Telugu Pandits' Conference held on the 17th November 1923 under the presidency of Diwan Bahadur Salla Guruswami Chetti Garu; and



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(b) whether the Government propose to comply with the request of the Conference that a pandit may be chosen to represent that class on the Senate of the University under provision No. 12 of clause III of section 14?

A.—(a) The answer is in the affirmative.

(b) The matter is one for the consideration of the University.

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—“ May I ask whether the hon. the Minister for Education does not know that the appointment to the Senate vest in the hands of the Government or rather of the Chancellor, whether he was not consulted, and if so, whether he cannot give effect to the suggestion mentioned in clause (b) of the question ? ”

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—“ The University is an independent body. It is independent of the Government, and it is not a department of the Government.”

Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo :—“ May I inform the hon. the Minister for Education, Sir, that on a reference from me, to the Vice-Chancellor he informed me that the nominations vested in the Chancellor under the advice of the Minister. We cannot therefore say that the matter solely vests in the University and the Vice-Chancellor.”

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—“ I am afraid the hon. Member has not examined the Act very carefully. The nominations vest in the Chancellor, and whatever the Vice-Chancellor replied to him, must be consistent with the provisions of the Act.”

Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo :—“ I have got the written reply from the Vice-Chancellor, Sir, that His Excellency the Chancellor will make the appointments on the advice of the hon. the Minister for Education, who is ex officio Pro-Chancellor.”

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—“ With regard to the appointment of 30 and odd members recently made, and in view of the hon. the Minister's statement, may I ask him whether he was or was not consulted by the Chancellor regarding those nominations ? ”

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—“ I decline to answer that question.”

*Application of Muhammadan students to proceed to England.*

352 Q.—Khan Bahadur HAJI ABD-UL-LAH HAJI QASIM SAHIB Bahadur : Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to lay on the table a list of applications received in the year 1923 from Muhammadans to proceed to England for prosecuting their studies together with information as to the orders passed by the Government on each application ?

A.—No such applications were received.

*The number of students in this Presidency.*

353 Q.—Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo : Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to furnish information as to the number of students receiving instruction in this Presidency for each year from 1919-20 to 1922-23 in

(a) primary schools,